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 TAGS: MASS, MOPS, IR, IZ, XF
 SUBJECT: IRAN-IRAQ WAR: CHINESE SUPPLY OF ANTI-SHIP
 MISSILES TO IRAN

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1. **SECRET** ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE AUGUST 28 "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE DOES NOT MENTION THE SILKWOOD MISSILES SPECIFICALLY BUT DOES REFER TO CHINESE SALES TO IRAN OF VARIOUS TYPES OF MISSILES, INCLUDING ANTI-SHIP MISSILES.

BUT WE ARE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY FOR THEIR USE.

3. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS THE CHINESE HAVE REPLACED THE NORTH KOREANS AS IRAN'S LARGEST ARMS SUPPLIER. AT LEAST \$300 MILLION WORTH OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, ANTI-SHIP MISSILES, AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO IRAN FROM THE PRC. IN ADDITION, THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES IS REPORTING THAT CHINA AND IRAN SIGNED IN MARCH 1985 A \$1.6 BILLION AGREEMENT IN WHICH TEHRAN

WILL RECEIVE J6 FIGHTERS (SIMILAR TO THE MIG21), T-59 TANKS, HEAVY ARTILLERY, MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES.

4. AS REQUESTED, WE ARE FOUCHING A COPY OF THIS ARTICLE TO YOU. WHITEHEAD

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